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WASHINGTON, DC 20410-3000

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Mr. Jason Smathers  
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Somerville, MA 02143

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request  
FOIA Control Nos.: 11-FI-HQ-00567 and FI-485098

Dear Mr. Smathers:

This letter is in reference to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated November 29, 2010. In your letter, you requested all emails and corresponding attachments sent to or from Secretary Shaun Donovan (or any person who communicates on his behalf) from January 20, 2009, to the present where the email contains any of the following keywords in the subject or body: just between us, breach, big trouble, too late, stupid, bad company, perception issue, the real objective, very slippery slope, or true disaster.

Please be advised that the Department of Housing and Urban Development will comply with your request to the extent permissible by law. Any records not subject to an exemption will be forwarded to you promptly upon the completion of the Department's search and review process. However, after careful review of your request by HUD staff, the Office of the Executive Secretariat has determined that your FOIA request is not specific enough to help the Department locate the requested documents. Please specify what information you are looking for. Your FOIA request is too broad to perform an adequate search for responsive records.

Please clarify your request within 10 business days from the date of this letter. If I do not hear from you within that time, your request will be withdrawn. Please be advised that this action will not preclude you from filing other requests in the future. Please resubmit your request to the following address:

U.S. Department of Housing  
and Urban Development  
Office of the Executive Secretariat  
Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Branch  
451 Seventh Street, SW, Room 10139  
Washington, DC 20410-3000

Attention: Deborah Snowden  
Telephone: (202) 402-7606  
Facsimile: (202) 619-8365

Thank you for your interest in the Department's programs and policies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Vicky J. Lewis", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Vicky J. Lewis  
Deputy Director for FOIA and  
Executive Correspondence  
Office of the Executive Secretariat